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Editorial Department.

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Man's Place Within the Universe.

During the centuries of man's evolution an irresistible attraction has existed between the seen and unseen, an attraction that has resulted in solving many mysteries and revealed some of the stupendous truths of the universe.

Step by step has he progressed, from the time that he looked out in his ignorance upon the starry heavens and saw afar the legion lights that pleased to shine for mankind to do him good or ill, to be appeased by sacrifice and become beneficent to his needs by worship, to that time when, with intelligence awakened, these myriad hosts of heaven were seen to rotate within their planes of activity, not to fulfill the petty offices of gods and goddesses to an ignorant people, but as an expression of Law that sought, first involution of force, and next individual evolution.

And then the region of space, so-called, demanded man's attention; and lo! the wonders of the etheric ocean dawned upon his mind.

Thus has it come to pass that as man gazes at the vault of heaven, he no longer disassociates himself from what his sight reveals, but finds himself bound by correspondence with the host of heaven and earth, of land and seas. Solids, liquids, gas and ether become most truly one, on different planes of vibration. Those interested in the betterment of the human race have sought for ways and means of obtaining knowledge of man's place within the universe. The study of the correspondence that exists between the macrocosmic universe and the microcosmic expression of life, may be properly named as the basic principle upon which rests the Science of Astrology.

Those whose perceptions are closed to the realities of the existence of such laws,

have called the followers of this science necromancers and charlatans.

The Ray of Light Has Given Man His Sight.

The skeptic asks, how may these stars, millions of miles distant, affect the people of the earth and how extend their influence to human events; and yet this skeptic, man of science though he be, has readily received the affirmation of the scientific law, that describes light radiating from the distant sun. He sees no fallacy in theory, nor contradiction in fact to the incoming and outgoing of the tides, through lunar influence; no vain hypothesis to the change of season that brings its time of barrenness and birth, and growth and harvesting of earth's products; nor yet is it irreconcilable to his professional lore to mark the time of mating for the propagation of the animal kingdom to the eternal fitness marked again by lunar influences. Only when his thoughts border upon the plane of human life does he pass his verdict "impossible."

And yet, it is the same ray of light that has traversed 93 millions of miles in the space of eight seconds at a vibratory velocity of 700 billion vibrations a second that has given to man the gift of sight.

Etheric Vibrations Cause the Sense of Hearing.

It is the same etheric wave motion, excited in the inter-stellar ocean, that brings to the auditory nerve the vibrations of noises, loud or low, soft or harsh, pleasant or unpleasant, that is typified as hearing.

If, then, this ocean of ether becomes the media through which man's sensibilities are aroused to action; if the organs of sense are dependent so to speak upon their ability to transmit accurately the wave motion and vibration existing therein, may not man's defects of character be traced to a lack of perfect correspondence between his organ-

ism and the bodies that act in conjunction with the earth to form the universe?

Shall it pass as reasonable to say that man may lose his physical sight through inability to receive the vibrations that come from the sun, and be regarded as nonsense to declare that man's lack of moral understanding (dependent entirely upon his ability to perceive correctly) may be traced to the same causes?

Rather let us say that man is ignorant as to his nature and judging only from his limitation has been able to find no logical way of explaining the manner in which the orbs of heaven might effect his destiny for good or ill.

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"The Stellar Ray" Acrostic.

BY ELLEN A. FOWLER.

"Tis a magazine for thinkers!"
H. Clay Hodges is the man
Edits this progressive journal.

Some may beat it! But *who* can?
There is news of stars and planets,
Even news from Spirit Land,
Light and truth and wisdom giving,
Lumination potent, grand,
As a "Ray" so pure, effulgent,
Radiates from distant sun,

Reaching earth to cheer the masses;
And its work is scarce begun.
Yet its light is justly won.

There Is No Such Thing as Self-Sacrifice.

It is not within the limits of human expression to sacrifice itself for the good of all, although the religions of the world are built upon this false idea. Their Buddahs, Christs and saints suffer ignominious physical deaths, are buried beneath tidal waves of despotism, lost on the sea of human consciousness, and again cast upon the shores of time where they are idealized as wearing haloes of light and as dwelling in realms of eternal bliss.

This is explained by the truth, that somewhere in the higher consciousness of

man dwells the instinctive knowledge that the individual becomes superior through service to others; and as his intelligence comes to accept the plane of reason and action which he once repudiated, his sense of justice bestows honor upon those who suffered the persecutions of past ignorance, and so has the idea of self-sacrifice come to be an ideal of Godliness.

The truth, however, is that each voluntary or premeditated act of pure service for others, is ever that soul's recognition of its true relation to its fellow beings, and it attracts to itself marvelous sustenance, strength and courage fulfilling the mystic saying, "He who would lose his life shall find it."

No such thing as self-sacrifice possible! does some one exclaim? Is not Motherhood the embodiment of this idea?

We reply that the soul of motherhood has ever recognized the unity of life and moves in harmony with the laws governing all creative power. It has been asserted that the processes of life extension in the vegetable and mineral kingdoms are through a law of self-extinction. but the truth is that tree, plant and the green velvet sward, create their progeny through God power; the minerals, in the sanctity of the earth's laboratories, evolve their precious gems and their vast and varied products through the God powers of being.

This ever recurring lesson of joyous service is shown in all nature; the glad expression of its Godhood glows, buds, blossoms and bears fruit, from the modest violet to queenly human motherhood whose joyful service to her offspring verifies the truth that she has not sacrificed but has attained an hundred fold.

The idea of self-sacrifice must be transmuted into one of attainment through greater good for all. The doleful, repelling dirge of sacrificial blood is being transposed into a glad Hosanah of human achievement.

Dr. Carey says: There is a wide difference between thought for the morrow, and *anxious* thought. If we are fully cognizant of the now, we can safely calculate on future happenings without anxiety or fear. Why worry about the inevitable?

Thou art the Universe in concentrated effort. Evolved Conscious Intelligence. The wisdom of ages, the Creative Love, the Life pulsating throughout the Limitless Universe, the Power which Controls All, is within thee.—*Evelyn Davis.*

What Will Be the Next Great Scientific Achievement?

Speaking of the wonders of human attainment, we give below the opinions of several scientists relative to what will probably be the next great scientific achievement.

William Marconi, the inventor of the wireless telegraphy, says: "In every land men of science are patiently studying the problem of utilizing the energy of the sun—storing it in fact—so that the generation of electric force may be cheapened by its use to a point where the storage battery on a large scale will be an economic as well as an academic possibility. The wasted energy in coal as now used may, in the interval, be brought to do its work and so bring about the monster storage battery sooner than we now expect. But sooner or later we shall enslave the sun's rays to our uses."

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Thomas A. Edison says that "ninety per cent of the energy stored in coal is now lost. It goes off in heat, from chimneys, and is especially wasted in the process of converting water into steam. However, I predict that means will be devised by which this enormous waste will be saved. When it is done the production of power will be revolutionized. It will enable an ocean liner to cross the ocean in three days, with an expenditure of about one-tenth the amount of fuel now required.

"Within a few years electricity will run the world. It is bound to do so. The greatest enterprises today are those on an electrical basis."

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Dr. James H. Hyslop, secretary of the American Society of Psychical Research, is only one of many distinguished scientists that have expressed a firm conviction that before the close of the present century the psychic riddle will have been solved and psychic knowledge and tests will have been reduced to an exact science.

"It is going to keep us busy collecting facts for a long time," Dr. Hyslop declares. "Many more years may elapse before we succeed in proving our theories as to the nature and uses of the spirit forces surrounding us.

"A world beyond the senses is already a settled fact, a fact certified to by scientific investigation and without appeal to exceptional phenomena. This conviction is reinforced by the phenomena of X-ray, wireless telegraphy and radio-active substances."

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Dr. Lee F. De Forest, in the current number of *The Scrap Book*, writes: "It is now possible to say we will soon be able to talk across the ocean, and over still greater distances. In fact, I think I can predict, without too great a strain on the imagination, that in the future, and not so far off, we will be able to talk around the world—in relays, perhaps, but so arranged as to be almost instantaneous. It is as sure as arithmetic that within the next few years every vessel of a few hundred tons will carry the wireless telephone. From recent experiments, I feel certain that within a short time we shall be able to be in wireless communication between our station, atop the Metropolitan Tower in New York and the Eiffel Tower in Paris."

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The record for circling the globe was broken last month—also by Americans. Two New York schoolboys, Walter Drew and John Munnich, accompanied by the Rev. A. A. King and J. J. Conway, made the trip around the world in 41 days and 8 hours. This record was made in little more than half the time prophesied by Jules Verne in his famous book "Around the World in Eighty Days." Nellie Bly made the trip in 67 days in 1890 for *The New York World*, and for years this stood as a remarkable achievement. The best previous record—until last month was 43 days.

If it had not been for a bad wreck and other unavoidable delays, causing the party to miss steamboat connections, the trip around the world would have been made in 35 days. Indeed, if all the trains and steamships run on schedule time, it is practically possible to make the trip around the world in thirty days.—*Detroit Tribune.*

New Thought Department

Containing subject matter embodying the teachings of the so-called New Thought Religion.

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Spiritual Alchemy.

ELLEN A. FOWLER.

The experiences that of our life form a part,

Can be turned to pure treasure by Alchemies' art.

There's nothing that happens, but good may ensue

If moulded, and fashioned by living life true.

We are here for a purpose is surely a fact:
And in living our life with a purposeful tact,

We can mould our conditions; and make them conserve

To a wondrous blessing, when we truly deserve.

By living the best, at each moment of life,
By dropping all discord, all envy and strife:
By keeping our minds ever filled with the good,

And letting our souls express truth, as we should.

We can fill each blest moment so wondrously full

Of the happy, the hopeful, the joyful the whole;

That depression and discord no more can find place

In our minds not a shadow of evil a trace.

Let us up and away from all discord today,
And by Alchemie's Art, whate'er one may say,

Transmute it, by Spirit to help us along:
And the joy it will bring is a heavenly song.

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The Miraculous.

By Eleanor Kirk, Author of *Libra*, or *What the Stars Told Elizabeth*, *The Christ of the Red Planet*, etc., etc.

I know of a woman who, after passing through crucifixions innumerable and each

time escaping the death of the body, is now actively engaged in the expectation of a miracle. Some of her friends think that, because of her success in doing the Last Negative, she is either consummately ignorant or phenomenally courageous to demand any further proofs of power. But she is very weary of these close grazings, these battles with pain that leave her limp and helpless on the outskirts of life.

One day she said to herself:

"What am I doing this for? Isn't there a nobler and more profitable way of spending my days than by going down into the valley of the shadow and like a lost sheep meandering back each time more closely sheared than before? It is I who stray and I who return. Why should I place myself under the necessity of coming back? If I am strong enough for the last, I am equal to the first, and this fool business must stop; I will live now in the heart of the fountain instead of upon its sputtering edges. I will expect a miracle, for now I am privileged to see that there is nothing in the universe so simple."

Think of that! Nothing so simple as a miracle!

What kind of a miracle was the one expected?

Permanent health for one who had always been in the clutches of sickness; abiding peace in place of chronic tumult; perfect joy in lieu of carking care and sorrow; enough and to spare for all material things; power to help and comfort those who needed a lift; perfect faith in the spirit of God in the individual.

There was nothing in the environment of this miracle-believer that would tend to strengthen her faith. On the contrary, the dominant note was a wail. The struggle for money and the small success in getting it filled the air with lamentations from morning till night. Out of this condition

arose bickerings and ailments of every description. The miracle must be performed right here, and the first thing realized in the matter was that there were no allowances made for circumstances in a miracle. It was all faith and all miracle or no-faith and no miracle.

When this woman commenced to question the cause of her downfalls and upgettings, her spiritual perception, so long a prisoner, sprang into vital recognition and illumined the whole nature. At this point nothing counted but righteousness. She had started upon her Father's business. With Him she had made her contract, and it came to pass that growlers and unbelievers were as if they were not. She ceased to hear the warfare of tongues and to suffer for those who made grief their God.

The beginning of the miracle was peace right in the midst of strife; then joy because of this fulness of contentment. Health was established at the very moment of the realization of individual responsibility, and everything else has followed and is following in a perfectly natural because miraculous sequence. You see, a miracle is not setting aside law, but conforming to it. It is going right along with God, without an anxious thought for anything that seems outside of God.

One very beautiful lesson has been taught me by our miracle-worker. It is that what at the time of trial we may consider very wise talk, is usually without the slightest reformatory value. When the miracle seed begins to sprout within us, we know that love is the only helper, and that no gun is needed to shoot it into the consciousness of those whom we desire to assist. There may be love in adverse criticism or a scolding, but the blow from the hard words quite incapacitates the recipient from appropriating the glow from the divine fire. It is like a good, square meal so seasoned with pepper that the smart is the only thing that remains in the consciousness.

"What is the secret of that woman's power?" The person inquired about was a prominent officer in the Salvation Army.

"A smiling silence," was the response of one of the Salvationists, "and the gift of wisdom to speak the proper word when necessary."

How many of us can preserve a smiling silence in the midst of what we conceive to be error and wrongdoing?

Not one, whatever the creed, who does not realize that God has no favorites among His children.

That is a great thought and is capable of being construed and elaborated in many ways to our edification.

The knowledge that the miracle is at hand is what brings it into evidence—the spiritual assurance that miracles do not come by striving or reading or wishing or praying. There is neither church, nor creed, nor religion in a miracle. It does not require the slightest labor to bring it into evidence. If it did, it would not be a miracle.

"What is a miracle?"

Simple faith in the Infinite.

But how can one attain this faith?

It is not a matter of attainment; it is an understanding. The miracle is in that.

A woman in an adjacent State, whose affairs had been going from seeming bad to apparent worse, found herself one day without the means to carry on the farming work which had been for years her sole support. Greatly discouraged, she walked out of the house and took a view of the place. The fences needed repairing, the horse needed shoeing, and the services of a capable man were required all over the acres; and she was alone in what appeared to be utter poverty and misery. Suddenly a strange feeling came over her. "It seemed to me," she said, "quite as if I were somebody else. I have heard that when people were drowning they remembered in a flash everything that had ever happened. At this moment the causes of my mistakes were revealed to me. I saw that dependence upon forces outside of myself had brought me to this lack of stamina and intelligence, and then and there I *knêw* that everything was mine. There was no need of any of these negative appearances. Why this consciousness at this instant I cannot explain. I only knew that it was and it has continued ever since. Five minutes later I sent for a man. The horse was shod, the fences were fixed, the farm was cleared. When I commenced this fixing up there was no money in evidence, but new ideas and new arrangements presented

themselves, and the expense of shoeing a horse or the repairing of a fence has never disturbed me since. I have all that I need and some to spare. I am well and full of joy. Everything goes my way. All I can tell you about the cause is that, whereas I was once blind, I saw in the twinkling of an eye and have continued to see ever since. It was my miracle."

Many wonderful things are now occurring, and not exclusively among Mental or Christian Scientists or Christians of any creed. A sudden, perfect faith is at the bottom of it all. It is God's light and truth shed abroad in the heart, and they come to stay.

The miracle waits to come to pass.

Love's Telepathy.

BY H. S. LE VALLEY.

That things are thoughts and thoughts are things,
And speed themselves on fairy wings,
Was known of Him—when worlds were made—

Who said to man, "Be not afraid
Of things below or things above,
Think only of the Creator's love;
For love it casteth out all fear,
So I with love am ever near."

Then hold this living, breathing thought:
All things are well which God has wrought.
That things are thoughts and thoughts are things

Now round about the welkin rings.
Let everything be loving thought,
Bethlehem's fate as man is taught;
So thoughts of love we bring today,
May they be yours for e'er and aye.

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The Silence.

VERNE DEWITT LOWELL.

Oh, joy of fair Eden above,
In the arms of the silence to rest,
To lie on a pillow of dreams;
Faint-sweet with the All-ness of Love,
And soft as a woman's breast!

To know that my soul is one,
With the soul of the universe,
For the separate only seems;
With equity all things are done,
And there is no better or worse.

Oh, joy of the new joy of Life,
And the rapture of infinite skies,
The new light of heaven that gleams,
And rest from the bitter of strife,—
Ecstatic sweetness of Paradise!

There Is No Death.

AN OLD POEM.

There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore;
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore.

There is no death! The dust we tread
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden grain or mellow fruit
Or rainbow tinted flowers.

The granite rocks disorganize
To feed the hungry moss they bear;
The forest leaves drink daily life
From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may fall,
The flowers fade and pass away—
They only wait through wintry hours
The coming of the May.

There is no death! An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;
He bears our best loved things away,
And then we call them "dead."

He leaves our heart all desolate;
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers—
Transplanted into bliss they now
Adorn immortal bowers.

The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones
Made glad this scene of sin and strife,
Sings now her everlasting song
Amid the Tree of Life.

And when he sees a smile too bright,
Or heart too pure for taint of vice,
He bears it to that world of light,
To dwell in Paradise.

Born into that undying life,
 They leave us but to come again;
 With joy we welcome them—the same,
 Except in sin and pain.

And ever near us, though unseen,
 The dear, immortal spirits tread,
 For all the boundless universe
 Is Life—there are no Dead.

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Stellar Science Department

H. C. HODGES, Editor the STELLAR RAY:—

October 2nd, 1909.

Dear Sir:—I enclose an interesting study for November issue, bearing upon the North Pole Controversy. It appears a clear case against Peary. Jupiter over Saturn in the first will show Cook has more than a Neptune bubble up his sleeve and to back him up.

Very truly yours,

L. E. JOHNDRO.

The Polar Controversy.

BY L. E. JOHNDRO.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook was born June 10, 1864, at Callicoon, N. Y. The birth hour was not given the writer, but analogy points to its having been between 12:13 and 12:15 p. m. This time gives Uranus at the zenith (usual in nativities of explorers, and square to the ascendant, giving ability as well as the taste for scientific research and discovery.

This is an aspect of great determination working for achievement along unique and adventurous lines far out of the beaten path.

Virgo rising shows his modesty; also his aptness, even in his early school days, for survey, exploration, etc., as this sign swallows earthology, geography, topography, etc., just as a fish takes to water, and with-

out the Virgo ascendant his Uranian tastes and talents would not likely have inclined toward geological exploration.

The tendency toward northern exploration is shown by the longitude of Uranus, which was 24° 55' of Gemini at his birth. That is, it was just 5° 5' from the most northern point of the ecliptic (0° Cancer), and only 12 of arc short of its maximum declination (terrestrial latitude), or very near its "farthest-north" point till its next extreme northern declination about 1950. It passed highest latitude early in 1866, the rate of increased and decreased declination being very slow at the northern and southern points of the ecliptic. Now the most northern point on the ecliptic (0° Cancer) is only 23° 27' north latitude, and far from the north pole, but, astrologically considered, this point is representative of the

pole, as, broadly speaking, the passage of a planet over that point brings it to the zenith at a higher latitude than when in other points of its orbit.

The Last Three Degrees Covered in a Dash.

Therefore, astrologically, we find Dr. Cook's native Uranus $5^{\circ} 5'$ from the astrological pole, and its "directed" place in his chart $27^{\circ} 30'$ Gemini, or just $2^{\circ} 30'$ south of the pole; and here it is well to remember that the last three degrees separating him from the pole were covered in a dash.

This dash would be covered by the native Moon in his chart, as it was in good aspect to Uranus (indicating speedy journeys), and is about $0^{\circ} 31'$ of Virgo (the earth sign), forming a good aspect, or, as astrologers would call it, a "good translation" to the pole within a half degree.

His "directed" Moon has, during his return and subsequent announcement of the discovery, passed a good aspect of Uranus and the pole, and thus brought out the native indications.

We also find Saturn on the ascendant of this figure or nativity, which shows great patience and persistence, as well as considerable reserve; also that it was sorely afflicted by Mars and Neptune on the 7th house (the angle of rivals, public opponents, contention, etc.), thus indicating Peary, especially as Neptune rules the sea and navy, just as Saturn in the ascendant suggests the title of Dr. to Mr. Cook.

This was not a particularly evil combine, especially as the opposing planets "smiled" upon Venus (the great arbitrator and peacemaker) on the ninth house (scientific societies, etc.), and in the present controversy this indicates the trouble will be settled satisfactorily so far as science is concerned. However, the "directed" 12th and 6th houses (angles of personal trouble, privation, food, personal possessions, secret enemies, etc.) has joined the native places of Saturn on the ascendant and Mars and Neptune on the 7th house, and brings out the native evil in the form of the troubles and trials in the far north, and the bitterness of the present controversy.

Air of Mystery Accounted For.

It also accounts for the air of mystery and secrecy on both sides, and hints that

just what happened in the far north, in so far as it does not concern data for scientific review, will never be known, owing to the reserve and prudence of Saturn on the ascendant and the shadiness of Neptune on the 7th, although if the facts all came to light there would probably be data for a court room assembly as well as for the scientific bodies.

The Moon in Dr. Cook's 12th, evil to Mercury, is far from truthful where the "enemies'" evidence is concerned and the stories of the accompanying Esquimos are apt to be badly tangled up, and they may be "lost to the enemy."

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ity, and if, after painstaking experiment, we find this principle is indicated by the influence of Venus in its location at the birth hour of those in whom we discover this principle active, then we may recognize the planet Venus as representing Love. In fact, we can demonstrate that Venus is incapable of hate.

Now let us turn our attention to the planet Mars, whose influence had been called that of war, but in the light of recent investigations we substitute energy, force, strength and will for war. Around each planet or globe there is a sphere of influence. It is these great spheres of energy which, having their root in the great center, pour out from that center to the boundary of the solar system. We, the sons and daughters of earth upon the third planet in the ring, are bathed in that outflowing life which is on its way to the planets Saturn, Urania, etc.

"All is Fair in Love and War."

The principles of those planets which lie beyond us we talk of most frequently are Justice, Mercy and Strength, but of all these we speak most of our neighbor Mars. We boast of our strength, energy, might, etc., and when this is exhausted, we turn to love, and a common saying is, "All is fair in love and war." We have Venus love, and Mars war; the earth is neutral between the two. Planetary influences are the working of the Divine Mind.

Yes, we are in the great spheres between Mars and Venus, and what is more natural than that Earth's children should fight and love? It is no mystery, this planetary influence. It has never failed to act through its magic spell upon humanity. When the days of war are over, man falls into the arms of love.

Now we may go more fully into our subject by taking up the second question, what is mankind to overcome? It is said that God made man after his own image, and it is clear that he must have done so when we come to consider that we are a center of consciousness surrounded by worlds and elementals of our own creation. Clairvoyants describe man as surrounded by an aura through which there are playing many rings of colors, and to let our thought reach out a little further, we can realize how these

rings are connected with the planetary spheres.

We Can Rule Our Stars.

Suppose there is a certain aspect in the natal figure, and we become anxious to get rid of it, as it is a most objectionable aspect and spoils the beauty and strength of other positions in the figure. It is possible to overcome any aspect in our nativity if we only will to do so, for desire placed it there and will can overcome it, and in this way we can rule our stars. Thoughts are things, and as things they remain about us and with us. Let a man think he would like to drink a glass of liquor; the thought grows stronger until finally it crystallizes into an act, and by constant thought becomes a habit, and eventually the man is a slave to his habit and desires to continue. Now in order to break the habit he must set up an opposite desire, or will, to cease. Let a woman desire jewels. The desire grows until she has an opportunity to possess, until she finally becomes a slave to her desires. All this is clear and may be witnessed in every day life, for mankind are all slaves to their environment, until they are no longer conditioned by it but make it for themselves. Desires may be physical, mental, spiritual or animal, human or divine. Then, when we control the mind, or control the animal through the mind, and hold in check the senses from their impulsive outgoing tendency, we are in part overcoming our stars.

Thus We Are Free.

The animal man is subject to external influences, and is thus a slave, not the master of his desires and passions. When the mind is linked to the physical desires we are animal-man, and only when the mind is abstracted from the senses, and capable of thinking independently of them, do we become man-manas, the thinkers, and may remain unmoved and unswayed by the changes and disturbances that go on around us, thus are we free, free to think out our own destiny, free to choose between right and wrong, good and evil.

Strong likes and dislikes arise from attraction and repulsion, but we should neither be attracted nor repulsed, but should possess that discernment which will enable us to discriminate between the real and the

shadow. Everything in the universe is of the infinite, and we are one universal substance, and from this dual expression arises the third consciousness. These three are one, but if we can consider matter separate from spirit, and follow the form without due recognition of the life, we are limited in mind; hence we become objective and external, and follow the shadow, forgetting the true substance.

In our descent, as it is termed, we have become more and more deeply immersed in the concrete, but in essence we are the creators and moulders of the form, that is, we circumscribe and limit in accordance with our thoughts. Now, if instead of following the limited and cramped ideals, we turn to the higher qualities, if we follow love, sympathy, generosity, humility, peace, truth, justice, mercy and true nobility, then do we expand and grow, seeing in all other selves our real self; we are making a step that will be the means of taking us out into the unlimited and place us in control of our environments and masters of our fate.

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Polarity and Charity.

BY BENJAMIN WILLIAMS.

Reader:—In the headlong rush of today, in the mad scramble for material wealth, in the passionate struggle for that will-o'-the-wisp called social position, can you, or will you, stop long enough to consider with me the question of polarity and its bearing on charity?

Perhaps you are weary with the strain of a hard day's work. If so, come with me into the garden, relax your tired nerves, and under the beautiful blue dome of nature's temple we will have a simple heart to heart talk on the world-old theme of charity. I promise that I will not weary you with long names nor technical phrases. My sole purpose is the hope that understanding better the laws of nature, you may be constrained to look upon your fellowman with more interest and a deeper feeling of good will.

We are not born alike. No two of us have the same mind nor the same outlook upon life. Some of us are born with a love for music, some for science, some for art. Some of us are naturally apt at business, some at law and some at war. No two

grains of sand are the same, neither are two blades of grass. Scanning this whole wide universe, in so far as it is possible with human eyes, nowhere do we see two things exactly alike. So we are led to believe that the purpose of progressive existence and evolution is not an unconscious identity but a harmonious diversity, where each material atom and each mental entity differs from every other atom or entity, possessing an individuality all its own, yet each occupying its own place in the great cosmical scheme, the place where it is of the greatest use to all the rest, also the place where it is of the greatest benefit to itself.

You and I are on our way to the one progressive place in this universe where we will be in harmony with the whole. We have a place to fill that no other can occupy.

* * * Believing a supreme and beneficent mind to have formulated the scheme of evolution, we must also believe that the conditions into which we were born constituted our need for material expression.

The Relation of the Stars.

Now let me take you into the field of science and explain to you the relation of the stars, the moon and the glorious sun to the subject of crime and mental polarity.

Ages of careful scientific observations have disclosed the fact that not only does life itself depend upon the vibrations received from the sun, but that among other things our exact mental and moral bias is determined by the angle from which we receive at birth those same vibrations after they have been polarized by the planets. If these vibrations are inharmonious at the birth of a child, that child's mind and morals will be warped and unless his surroundings are exceedingly propitious he will grow into manhood with no clear idea of moral worth. The vibrations of his inner being are in a tumult and as they come to the surface they externalize in his outward life as passion and crime.

It is true that environment and education, together with a strong will, may set up counter vibrations that will to a great extent neutralize these evil conditions. But you who are born into health, moral and physical, can little understand the awful struggle of the unfortunate man in this world. The man who is down, not only has

to fight against the passion and evil inherent in his nature, but also endure that most discouraging of all things, the calumny and criticism of those more fortunate.

It is probably true that you deserve to be born into the circumstances and surroundings that you were, else it had not been. Perhaps it is true that you have progressed farther in the Great Cycle of Necessity than your less fortunate brother. Life is a school. Perhaps, you are in one of the higher grades. If you are it stands to reason that by virtue of your increased wisdom your moral responsibility is greater than one in the kindergarten. * * *

There are some people with whom we well agree on certain subjects, but on other things we arrive at opposite conclusions. Men of equal education and refinement of character, often men who grow up together, studying in the same school at the same time, disagree on the most vital questions of life. The world is riven with strife. Political parties spring into existence with brilliant men at their heads, each sincerely antagonistic to the plans of the others. We cannot even decide satisfactorily the small matters of every-day life, when to plant and when to harvest. Above all other controversy stands that of religious belief. What spectacle more sorrowful than to see honest, noble men and women in bitter conflict with one another over such a sacred thing?

Let us again turn to the stars and ask of them the solution of this mighty problem. Why?

After all, it is not so difficult. We each occupy a certain mental plane and we see things only from that plane. The sign occupied by the sun and moon in our birth chart, together with the rising sign, shows our mental capacity, while the aspects of Mercury and the moon, together with that of the rising planet, if there is one, shows our mental ability. Does this not seem simple?

Influence of Planet Jupiter.

The native whose mind receives the full influx of the planet Jupiter, sees no need of radical change in anything. He firmly believes that with a few minor exceptions, things are as they should be. He is faithful to his political party and takes great pleasure in the rites and ceremonies of his

religion, looking upon any change in them as a sacrilege.

On the other hand the native of Uranus is always ahead of his time. In politics, he stirs up a revolution at once. In religion he branches off for himself and is never tired of railing at what he terms the antiquated superstitions of the ignorant. These are only two types of mental polarity, for there is an infinite number of types and shadings. For instance, the natives of the airy duplicity will agree well on general principles, but unless there is some other harmony they will not agree on particulars. So it is that throughout the world there is contention even among enlightened people.

As I said before, this state of affairs is especially deplorable in the realm of religion. There are beliefs beyond number, each with its faithful following. Even Christianity is divided into about two hundred sects.

The cause is that people see things from different planes of polarity, and just as all things look blue when looking through a blue glass; so do all things look a certain way when viewed from that standpoint.

The only remedy for this discord is for all of us to recognize the truth, that there are different planes, and that from the plane occupied by our neighbor perhaps he sees the truth as well or better than we do from ours.

A man seeing a house from the opposite side might give a very different description of it than we would from our standpoint. Likewise another man who had gone entirely around the house might differ from either, and a man on the inside would have a hard time understanding any of us. Yet all our descriptions might be perfectly accurate from our perspective.

Recognizing this Law of Polarity and its bearing on life will enlarge our mental horizon and lead us not only to a tolerance of the opinions, beliefs and failings of others, but to true charity.

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Practical.

Walking leisurely around the Egyptian sphinx, the traveler from America inspected it from all points of view.

"It's a shame," he exclaimed, "to leave the thing in that shape. If I had it out in

Chicago I could clap a good cement nose on that face so quick it would make its head swim!"—Chicago Tribune.

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The Chemistry of the Cosmos.

BY DR. GEORGE W. CAREY.

Teacher of Biochemistry and Alchemy.

The universe is a self-existing, self-winding, self-operating machine. Within its marvelous mechanism dwells every grade of intelligence from minute molecule to the dynamic thunderbolt, from the microscopic bit of iron that carries a lilliputian atom of oxygen through the blood of prince or pauper or through the sap of an orange or upas tree, absolute law and order reigns supreme. All substance is a manifestation of motion. All motion is intelligence in action.

The Cosmos, as a whole, must be a *being* because it constitutes *all* intelligence. If there be imperfection it must be the effect of the infinite word, or command.

Man is a product of chemical action. Stellar rays, angles, or *angels* are the *crea-*

tors of forms. "Let us make man." One lord (planetary) could not make man's body nor any form of matter "us"—the co-operation of planets *makes man*.

If a clockmaker can tell how long a clock will run without winding, shall not Being know the days and years of its handiwork?

As the maker of a clock oils the machinery in order that it may run with the least friction and not to vainly try to cause a twenty-four hour clock to run eight days, so shall the coming chemic-astro man supply his body with the dynamic minerals that vitalize nerves and propel red blood through veins and arteries, not to prolong that physical existence, but to attain mental and physical poise until the stellar *angles* (angels) shall transmute the form, created for soul, into primal float.

The future articles, twelve in number, on the "Chemistry of the Cosmos," will deal with the twelve cell-salts of the human organism and their relation to the position of the Sun at birth, commencing with Capricorn, December 21 to January 20.

Department of Psychic Research

In the October number of *The Stellar Ray* we published the following letters from Mr. O. A. Jenks, of New York City, a successful business man and member of the Real Estate Board of Brokers of that city, proving that he possesses more than the average amount of common sense and ability to pass judgment upon that which he describes in these letters. We repeat them because they explain the manner of receiving the communications, which we also publish in this department.

New York, Aug. 18, 1909.

Mr. Henry C. Hodges, Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:—Last evening at Astor Library, I was reading your book, "Two Thousand Years in Celestial Life." I was interested in same because I have had a duplicate of your experiences.

My wife passed to the other side in March, 1907, and the wonderful things she has given me would take volumes to write.

Our manifestations came to a group of earnest investigators, among which is a

doctor and scientist and three amateur mediums of high grade, as well as a number of people of refinement, high character and social standing, who are all in the work entirely from unselfish motives. * * * We get 25 pages of written matter in from six to eight minutes, written in long hand, apparently in pencil, when there is no pencil near and the sheets are packed tightly together, in bright light, under test conditions.

I enclose copy of a batch of these letters from which you will kindly observe their

very high character. I know there is absolutely no fraud in connection with the same.

Yours very truly,

O. A. JENKS.

From letter dated Aug. 31st.

My Dear Mr. Hodges:—

* * * You ask the privilege of using in your October issue some automatic letters I sent you, including the poem signed "Pattie" (pet name for my wife), and you state you will omit of course the personality. Replying, I hereby consent that you publish any or all of these letters, and I should prefer that you do not omit the personality.

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In March, 1907, my wife went to her reward and she found a way of reaching me through a mutual friend of whom she has made a wonderful medium. What she has done in her two years of spirit life staggers the human mind. She enables me not only to get 25 pages of such letters as I am sending you in six minutes, but she has given me lots of other most wonderful phenomena and manifestations. I talk to her and others not only through this medium in trance, but in materialized forms, and frequently she sits by my side in sweet converse. * * *

The little poem, "Out in the Silence,"* is one page out of 25 that I received in April of this year, in bright light. In this simple verse is a whole lot of scientific new thought philosophy. Mrs. Rathbun, treasurer of the First Association of Spiritualists of New York City, witnessed the phenomena, and although a student for nearly fifty years, she has never seen anything that could compare with this manifestation.

If you choose to photograph any of these letters to show your readers how wonderfully perfect they are, it is your privilege. While the letters appear to be written in lead pencil, no pencil was near them.

My wife has told me how they write letters through the power of thought and

the assistance of a spirit chemist using electricity, magnetism, etc. I should prefer that you publish my name, as anyone who receives what I have and is ashamed to own it is an ingrate and a moral coward, and would deserve to lose these precious manifestations. I appreciate that shallow-minded ignoramuses will mock and ridicule, but such people have my sincere sympathy. They merely do not know and will not investigate. Frequently those who do investigate, start off with lies and deception and get lies and deception. Then they publish a book claiming it is all fraud.

Very truly yours,

O. A. JENKS.

We give below a few of the communications referred to in the preceding letters:

My Dear One:—As pure tone, or voice, consists in all the breath being converted into sound, so it is with the new man, or the new system. The finite mind (mentality) should be translated into the Great Mind, no element being reserved.

Serve fully and thou shalt be served. Respect this Master—Mind—and it will take all care from you. It created itself—self-activity—and it distributes all activity. Trust this invincible authority.

A wise man writes: "I have never until now dreamed that this undertaking the entire management of my affairs was not commendable. I have never seen until now that it dwarfed me. But now I see. I am representative of the whole, and the good of the whole, or what I call the right, makes me invulnerable. An invisible fence surrounds my being, which screens me from all harm I will to resist.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL.

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My Dear Medium:—There is oftentimes stored up in a single sentence a whole volume of truth, and the more one contemplates a subject the more one gets out of it. In fact, all great truths are like diamonds in the rough, that require keen and masterful strokes of thought put upon them in order to bring out the brilliancy and power and merit of the idea.

The brilliancy of the diamond depends upon the quality of the stone and the skill of the one who cuts it. An analysis of any statement always reveals two facts or condi-

*See October Stellar Ray.

tions, that which is involved or contained in the statement or idea, and the breadth, the scope, the measure of the mind analyzing it. The brilliant diamond must have a proper setting in order that it may appear to the best advantage. Rich clothes, pure gold, gentility of style—these are the necessary and proper accompaniments of diamonds.

The richest, the grandest, the sublimest truths belong by right to those who are rich in wisdom and knowledge. The conservers or guardians of great truths always give them out with jealous care.

To the masses the truth is clothed in such a way as to conceal the form and figure, and so those incapable of appreciating the naked truth and beholding beauty and grandeur in it are not permitted to behold it in its natural unadorned state. Only the pure in heart can see God.

Only the truly awakened can see the truth in its purity. Truth should be given out as uncut diamonds. The ignorant masses will regard them as of little value, and, like children, will toss them aside like marbles of which they have grown weary; but those who are ready for the truth will cut away the rough and bring forth a gem of rare beauty.

DR. CHAS. W. NELSON.

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My Beloved One:—In all our spiritual aspirations there will be a thoroughly harmonious breath action, whereby, starting from the center of life, we may produce true vibration in both mind and body, but this harmony does not end here. We look at a rose; it is a beautiful thing. It occupies very little space, but on entering the room that contains it we smell its perfume everywhere.

We sense the soul of the rose, just as through knowledge of the spiritual life, we apprehend God in our lives. We may exhale a fragrance more sweet than any rose.

Sometimes a weed diffuses a disagreeable odor, and so from many human lives there emanates a deleterious influence that is equally subtle. It is because in many cases the individual knows, but fails to act—fails to be. That produces a wrong vibration, which disturbs his own mind and body, and communicates inharmony to others.

It is true that some people have the power to smell the most delicate perfume while being unable to smell the most disagreeable odors. This is because they have related themselves to their environment in the true way. To them all agreeable things will attract, while disagreeable things will repel. It all hinges on the question of relationship.

Some think this philosophy has a selfish aspect, but is it not right to desire the beautiful things in life? Every individual is doing more than living his own life; he is living for others as well. If he can show a way to live other than the ordinary way he should do so. If he can rise superior to the discordant things of the world, he is not true to himself or to his fellow-man if he fails to do so.

We can make our lives just what we will to make them, and by so doing we bring wider knowledge and greater freedom into the world—because “no man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.” If we are living in a condition of passive contentment, and our minds are aroused in things that bring no spiritual gain, we will neither bring good into the lives of others nor develop that quality in ourselves.

If we could realize the importance of this we would never radiate any inharmonious atmosphere. We would begin at the very heart of life and work toward the circumference, and we would affect those about us in a thoroughly harmonious way.

HENRY WARD BEECHER.

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My Dear Brother and Co-worker:—Work is divine, a privilege, a blessing, a delight; such is the burden of every genuine prophet's message to the masses. But what constitutes work, and wherein is it distinct from toil or grinding labor, is an ever-present question. The early traditions of Egypt and Israel abound with references to the harmony which long existed between the pastoral Hebrews and the Egyptian manufacturers and merchantmen.

Two widely different races can live in a country, co-operating, but not necessarily amalgamating. Co-operation is not necessarily amalgamation. This is a point that needs to be kept clearly before the mind's eye of every earnest teacher and reformer. When states are blended into unity they do

not surrender their distinctive local colorings; and no more can the inhabitants of districts change at once their peculiar characteristics than the physical distinctiveness of a special neighborhood can be annihilated by act of Parliament. The fauna and flora of certain districts will continue to vary from one to the other after an act of federation has been accomplished, even as they differed previously, but one district can

supply the wants of another by mutual interchange.

It is a most encouraging symptom of our day to find that the most successful and highly gifted physical scientists and practical inventors are bold and persistent in setting forth those mighty truths concerning human brotherhood which ill-informed persons are apt to regard as only sentimental gush of religious fanaticism.

TOM PAINE.

Department of Psychical Sciences and Unfoldment.

By J. C. F. GRUMBINE, B. D., 1890 Beacon Street, Brooklyn, Mass.

A great deal of interest has been awakened recently in the supernormal powers of clairaudience and clairsentience. Helen Kellar is reported to be the finest type of what, in technical terms, is called kines-thesia or clairsentience or sensitiveness. Popular psychologists and medical men do not imagine for a moment that her sensitiveness is anything more than an exquisite, refined, or acute development of the normal sense of feeling. And yet how much of the supernormal enters into that development these learned men of science are not qualified to say. That it is not all normal power, Helen Kellar herself may not be able to say. Still she exercises it, and brings to the surface of her self-consciousness many hitherto wonderful and inexplicable phenomena.

Clairsentience is a supernormal power raised to a degree of expression impossible in the sphere of the sense limitations.

One power which is atrophied by disuse, as blindness or the sense of hearing, may lend its strength to another which is operative, and so the sense which is active often receives the added strength of the silenced power. This is not, however, true of the supernormal powers. Nor does it follow that a power becomes supernormal because very acute.

"Feeling After God."

The supernormal power of clairsentience,

the basis of all other supernormal developments, and the finer expressions of the supernormal powers of clairvoyance and clairaudience, is such sensitiveness as springs primarily from the inorganic and superphysical side of man's being, and therefore cannot be explained by the usual hypotheses of normal psychology. It is to the feeling that Paul referred, when he spoke to the Athenians of that "feeling after God," by a spiritual power, not of the senses at all. This does not seem remarkable now in the light of modern advanced science, New Thought, Spiritualism and Theosophy. Paul elaborated what he meant by such bold statement uttered so fearlessly in his day, by his teachings in the Corinthians, where he particularly calls the attention of his adherents to the gifts of the Spirit, and so hints at what now we have come to accept as supernormal and accessible powers of the Soul, possessed by all.

Morbidity, temperament, sentiment, emotion, mere feeling of pain or pleasure are not what is meant by clairsentience; for in it there is none of that sort of experience or thing. It is as far above material things as spirit is above the body it inhabits. When it was said to be superphysical, all that was meant by that word was, above the physical. One develops clairsentience by being spiritual, living

above earthly things and getting as far away from temperamental and sense states as is conceivable and possible.

On clairsentience rests that extraordinary supernormal power called clairaudience, by which the still small voice of the silence is heard, and by which a means of communication with the inhabitants of the spirit world is established. Clairaudience is not that popular manifestation of Spiritualism, which so many have heard demonstrated through mediums, called independent voices. These voices are audible and material, while the clairaudient voice or voices are immaterial or spiritual in their character.

How to Hear the Voice of a Spirit.

To hear a spirit clairaudiently one must develop clairsentience, or communication with the departed loved ones on the spirit side of life will be impossible. The spirits cannot communicate collectively by clairaudience, unless a spokesman acts as a mediator and voices the thought for all. Each spirit must speak in his turn, and so one can investigate and examine the different influences by the use they make of their resources. True, each one must use the brain and intelligence of the instrument employed, and even the language, idioms of speech, and other individual characteristics of the mortal, who is in telepathic touch with the excarnate spirit. How few realize this important limitation placed upon a spirit. And how many expect supernatural results, which have never been possible and never can be possible, because there is a law which the spirits excarnate must obey in communicating with our world. When this is understood, there will be less cry of fraud in certain quarters, and more humbleness in investigation in others.

Clairaudience is the voice of the silence—not the voice of God, as that voice is understood; and yet the vox dei cannot be heard except in the silence, so that the voice of God may be said to be the supreme voice of silence.

How still one must be to hear the voice of a spirit few realize. As much, if not more attention must be given to the audience of a spirit than to the mere sounds which convey an intelligent message to

the audible ear of a mortal. Still one hears this inner voice as truly and as distinctly as any audible voice. But it does not speak to us in and by sounds.

It Makes No Noise.

It is clairsentient, and always registers a throb or pulse of feeling with it—either in one's hands or elsewhere, wherever one is the most sensitive.

It is very possible that one can receive the silent voice without any other manifestation. But in my own case, a throb or pulse is registered with the voice, in the form of a cool, ethereal breeze, which seems to exhale or ooze out, as it were, from the palm of my hand, or the breeze blows about my lips or the region of the eyes. The voice is followed by different impulses or throbs as one will receive raps on a table or on any material object in further corroboration of what the voice has spoken. This voice is the voice of our spirit friends, and it is telepathic and sent as a thought, from them. Personally, I can carry on lengthy conversations with my spirit friends, and they invariably differentiate between what they would say as a mortal, if they were with me in a body, and what they say as a spirit excarnate. The reason for this is obvious. They come to make us happy, to inspire us with courage, to comfort and guide us, and bestow upon us the superlative wisdom, that which is the best and the purest, and the result of ages of experience. What is our attitude to them? Is it willingness to learn or boasted ignorance and the cocksureness of inexperience? If none of these mental and spiritual attitudes afflict us, then, as we are humble and childlike, pure in our lives and our thoughts, so will we unfold, and so will our spirit friends who love us and are of the higher spheres come to us to bless us.

When awakened to the Harmonious Law of the Universe, you will find you are dwelling in the boundless Ocean of Life, with all the Forces around you seething with Love, Faith and Charity. This awakening to the Powers that be means everything to the soul of man. Sources of great strength are being turned into channels of earth-consciousness, removing all obstacles to man's developments.—*Evalyn Davis.*

Books and Periodicals

MISCELLANEOUS REVIEW

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WILL J. ERWOOD.

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The Living Thought is indeed a book with a message for every intelligent mind. The author has been clear, concise and impressive in dealing with his subject. He urges a "knowledge of systematic constructive thinking, for if we have that we can know what life will bring; but if we remain ignorant we suffer defeat, sorrow, failure" * * * "we have now discovered that there has never been such a thing as a sin of the flesh." "It is the mind and not the body which is the sinner, for the body is simply the tool of the mental or interior man and must do his bidding." * * * "Heretofore when mistakes were made, we asked, 'What will be the effect upon the mind?' Today, however, we reverse the process and the query is, 'What state of mind gives rise to such conditions.'" * * * "We should no more be satisfied with the mental food of our remote

ancestors than we would be with their crude method of gaining a livelihood."

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"Every day we read of men going to sanatoriums to recuperate from 'overwork.' What they are really suffering from is overeating. It is not the brain of the man today that is working too much—it is his jaws!

"Nature that has been working for millions of years knows more than the doctor who has been studying medicine for thirty years, and nature tells the man who is sick to stop eating. The stomach is constantly over-stimulated by too much and the wrong kind of food.

"People say, 'See that large fat man with the fine red cheeks. He is the picture of health.' But in reality he is not the picture of health. He is diseased, and some day they read of his sudden death and say, 'What a shame. Such a strong man cut off in the prime of life.' Fat is not the sign of strength. Nor is muscle.

It is nerve force that means real strength."

Mr. Calvert placed particular importance upon the art of breathing. Few people, he thinks, appreciate "the breath of life" or the part it plays in building up the body.

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As this letter must go to the printer in September, we have not yet celebrated our third anniversary, but we are expecting to receive many of the presents we asked for in October, viz., subscriptions for THE STELLAR RAY. If you did not send us one in October, please do so by Thanksgiving day, and we will thank you on a beautiful Swastika post card. We bought these cards for the use of our members and will send a dozen to any reader who asks for them when joining the Swastika Success Club, or sending us a new member or subscriber.

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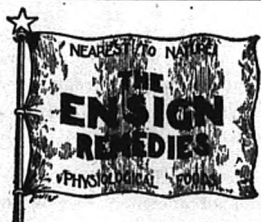
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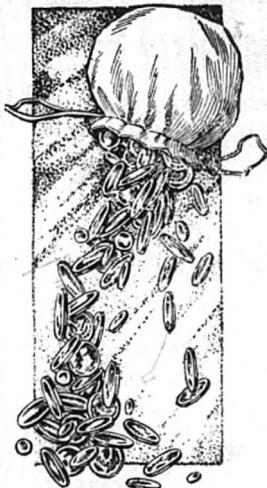
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